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- 3. Concise explanations of the relevance of the non-English language References P, Q and R are attached hereto.
- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language References O and S are attached hereto.

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5. References A-M listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 08/600,991 filed March 1, 1996, of which this application is a reissue. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

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